

NEWS RELEASE

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30th Street Corridor, including entrance to Garden of the Gods Park, in design phase Public invited to weigh in on design during Oct. 9 public meeting

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. – The public is invited to learn more about improvements to 30th Street between Mesa Road and Fontanero Street at a public meeting, Wednesday, Oct. 9. The City of Colorado Springs has identified the need for roadway and safety improvements for this three-mile stretch of 30th Street. The corridor is in need of new pavement, wider shoulders, intersection improvements, slope stabilization and better stormwater control. The project is currently in design and available funding will widen 30th Street between Mesa Road and Fontanero Street, along with installation of a roundabout at Gateway Road. Construction is anticipated to begin in spring or summer of 2020 and be completed by the end of 2021.

Note, 2C-paving, currently underway on 30th Street between Mesa and Garden of the Gods roads, is a separate project just north of the planned 30th Street Corridor Development project area.

PUBLIC MEETING INFORMATION:

5:30 – 7 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 9 Howbert Elementary School Gym 1023 N. 31_{st} Street Colorado Springs, 80904

Arriving to the meeting:

By Car: Parking is available in front of and on the side of Howbert Elementary School, as well as

along N. 31st Street.

By Bike: Colorado Springs Bike Map

Accessibility: For ADA-specific accommodations to participate in either meeting, call (719) 488-5908 at least 48 hours in advance.

Note: As this meeting falls over the observance of Yom Kippur, the project team will meet individually with anyone who observes this holiday and is interested in more information about the project. Call Robin Allen to schedule at (719) 385-5407.

Transportation-related deficiencies within the 30th Street Corridor include a lack of roadway shoulders and drainage facilities; aging street pavement with adjacent hillside erosion and slope destabilization; and a lack of multi-use roadway facilities. There are also safety and mobility

deficiencies at corridor intersections, and inadequate access for emergency vehicles and evacuation. Recommended improvements on 30th Street between Mesa and Fontanero roads include repaving, curb and gutter, widening with multi-use shoulders, intersection improvements, retaining walls, and a drainage and water quality system.

"The corridor is one of only five designated wildfire evacuation routes for the northwest area of Colorado Springs," said City Project Manager Robin Allen. "The proposed multi-use shoulders will provide more room for emergency vehicles and evacuation situations, a safe place for bicyclists to ride outside the flow of traffic, and will also accommodate occasional vehicle breakdowns," she said.

Design of the project is funded with Public Works Capital Dollars. Surface Transportation Program funds will provide construction funding.

For more information about the 30th Street Corridor Development project visit the project website: www.coloradosprings.gov/30thstreet

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